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## OCTOBER UNEMPLOYMENT RATES ANNOUNCED

### Adjusted Data

**Madison** – Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Roberta Gassman today announced that Wisconsin's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was estimated to be 4.5 percent in October, down from the 4.7 percent estimated for September, and down from the 4.7 percent for October 2004. The national seasonally adjusted rate was estimated at 5.0 percent in October, which was down from a 5.1 percent rate estimated for September. The national rate was 5.5 percent in October 2004.

### Unadjusted Data

Wisconsin's unadjusted unemployment rate in October was estimated at 3.8 percent, the state's first month with an unemployment rate under 4.0 percent since 2001. October was also the lowest single month unemployment rate the state has experienced since September 2001, when the rate was also estimated at 3.8 percent. Wisconsin's September 2005 unadjusted rate was estimated at 4.1 percent, and in October 2004 the state's unadjusted rate was 4.0 percent. The national unadjusted rate for October was estimated at 4.6 percent.

"Wisconsin's unemployment rate last month, the lowest in more than four years, is a strong indication that Wisconsin's economy continues to rebound. We have made great strides toward a solid economic future and will continue our efforts to create job opportunities for all Wisconsin workers," Secretary Gassman said.

Nonfarm jobs in the state were estimated at 2,862,200, an increase of 18,900 jobs over last year's October figure. Particularly strong was construction, up 5,100 jobs from one year ago, professional and business services, up 5,400 jobs from last year, educational, health and social services, up 7,800, and leisure and hospitality services up 6,200. Construction employment in the state is on track to set the state's annual monthly employment record and could top 131,000 jobs per month for the year, improving last year's record-setting pace of 126,300 per month.

Manufacturing was down 3,700 jobs from last year's October figure. Retail trade is also down from last year's October figure with 6,500 fewer jobs and has been somewhat flat since June.

The number of unemployed people in the state, at 116,103, was the lowest monthly figure since September 2001.

Added Gassman, "Although we have made great progress, we still have pockets of the state where we have work to do."

October employment and unemployment figures for individual counties will be available November 23, 2005. This release also is available at <http://dwd.wisconsin.gov/dwd/newsreleases/>.

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**WISCONSIN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY**  
In Thousands

ITEM	NET CHANGE FROM				
	PRELIM. OCT 05	FINAL SEP 05	YEAR AGO OCT 04	MONTH AGO	YEAR AGO
<b>PLACE OF RESIDENCE DATA</b>					
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES					
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3046.5	3046.4	3068.0	0.1	-21.5
UNEMPLOYMENT	116.1	123.4	123.7	-7.3	-7.6
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	3.8	4.1	4.0	-0.3	-0.2
EMPLOYMENT (1)	2930.4	2923.0	2944.3	7.4	-13.9
<b>PLACE OF WORK DATA</b>					
<b>NONFARM WAGE &amp; SALARY</b>					
TOTAL PRIVATE	2862.2	2852.1	2843.3	10.1	18.9
GOODS PRODUCING	2440.7	2445	2422.6	-4.3	18.1
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	643.5	647.5	642.3	-4.0	1.2
CONSTRUCTION	3.9	3.8	4.1	0.1	-0.2
MANUFACTURING	139	139.7	133.9	-0.7	5.1
Durable Goods	500.6	504	504.3	-3.4	-3.7
Nondurable Goods	309.9	311.2	313.5	-1.3	-3.6
SERVICE PRODUCING	190.7	192.8	190.8	-2.1	-0.1
TRADE	2218.7	2204.6	2201	14.1	17.7
Wholesale Trade	431.9	429.8	435.9	2.1	-4.0
Retail Trade	115.9	117.1	113.4	-1.2	2.5
TRANS., WAREHOUSE, & UTILITIES	316	312.7	322.5	3.3	-6.5
Utilities	110.2	108.7	110.8	1.5	-0.6
INFORMATION	11.6	11.5	11.5	0.1	0.1
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	50.2	49.8	49.4	0.4	0.8
Finance and Insurance	158.2	159	156.8	-0.8	1.4
Real Estate, Rental, & Lease	130.3	130.3	129.2	0.0	1.1
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	27.9	28.7	27.6	-0.8	0.3
Prof., Scien., & Tech. Services	262.1	263.6	256.7	-1.5	5.4
Mgmt. Of Companies and Enterprises	87.1	87.6	87.7	-0.5	-0.6
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	39.5	39.3	38.3	0.2	1.2
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	135.5	136.7	130.7	-1.2	4.8
Educational Services	390.6	385.6	383.3	5.0	7.3
Health Care & Social Assistance	54.9	52.6	55.4	2.3	-0.5
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	335.7	333	327.9	2.7	7.8
Arts, Entertain., & Recreation	257.6	265.7	251.4	-8.1	6.2
Accommodation & Food Services	33.1	36.7	34	-3.6	-0.9
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin	224.5	229	217.4	-4.5	7.1
GOVERNMENT	136.4	135.3	136	1.1	0.4
Federal Government	421.5	407.1	420.7	14.4	0.8
State Government	29.2	29.2	29.6	0.0	-0.4
Local Government	108.1	106.1	106.1	2.0	2.0
PERSONS INVOLVED IN L-M DISPUTES	284.2	271.8	285	12.4	-0.8
(1) Includes L-M Disputes	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.3
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES					
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3046.2	3047.3	3068.5	-1.1	-22.3
UNEMPLOYMENT	137.8	142.2	143.8	-4.4	-6.0
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	4.5	4.7	4.7	-0.2	-0.2
EMPLOYMENT	2908.4	2905.1	2924.7	3.3	-16.3

\*Differences in totals may occur as a result of rounding.

Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics and Current Employment Statistics programs, Labor Market Information Section, Bureau of Workforce Information